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SUBJECT: BASE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: HEWITT/TAYLOR TELECONS 1/10-11

1. BAHAMIAN INABILITY TO BEGIN BASE NEGOTIATIONS
JANUARY 16 IS REGRETTABLE IN VIEW OF THE TIGHT SCHEDULE
OF NEGOTIATIONS AND OTHER EVENTS WHICH ALREADY COMMIT
BOTH STATE AND DOD PERSONNEL FOR MUCH OF THE NEXT
SEVERAL MONTHS. WE ARE ANXIOUS TO GET BACK TO THE
NEGOTIATING TABLE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME IN ORDER
TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM BUILT UP BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
TODMAN'S VISIT AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS. HOWEVER, WE
RECOGNIZE THE BAHAMIANS HAVE HAD LITTLE TIME TO REVIEW
THE RECORD AND PREPARE FOR RESUMED NEGOTIATIONS. IN
VIEW OF SCHEDULING PROBLEMS OVER THE COMING MONTHS THE
EMBASSY SHOULD DISCUSS DATES FOR RENEWED NEGOTIATIONS
IN THE BAHAMAS INFORMALLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT AT THE
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EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. THE DEPARTMENT AND DOD WOULD
PREFER THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23 OR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30
IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

2. BEGIN FYI: WE ARE TENTATIVELY RESERVING THE FIRST
TWO WEEKS OF FEBRUARY FOR BASE NEGOTIATIONS FOR BARBADOS.

WE SEE THE BAHAMAS NEGOTIATIONS AS REQUIRING AT LEAST TWO SESSIONS, THE FIRST OF WHICH WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY EXPLORATORY AND SHOULD REQUIRE NO MORE THAN TWO OR THREE DAYS. WE HOPE TO SEND A TEAM TO NASSAU TO DISCUSS THE (SLENDER) ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE POSSIBILITIES WITH THE BAHAMIANS IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE TWO SESSIONS, PROBABLY DURING FEBRUARY. WE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE A SECOND SESSION SOMETIME IN MARCH ALLOWING AS MUCH AS FIVE DAYS IF NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE A DRAFT AGREEMENT. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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